(c) whether the Union of India failed to put in appearance this case;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government would fix responsibility for this lapse;

(e) whether it is also a fact that on the basis of this writ petition, large scale adverse propaganda against India was carried out in the United States and the U.K. by Pakistani and pro-kashmiri elements; and

(f) what steps Government under-took to undo he demage done to the country's image abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (f) Shri Mufti Baha-U-Din Farooqi, on behalf of Jammu and Kashmir People's Basic Rights (Protection) Committee filed a Writ Petition in the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir via writ Petition No. 210 of 1990 which was dismissed on 11-5-92 for default and non-prosecution. The Union of India was represented in the matter by the Central Government Standing Counsel.

Disinformation and propaganda orchestrated by Pakistan terrorist outfits and their overground sympathisers is being regularly countered in national and international fora. Pakistan's efforts in internationalising the Kashmir issue are also being countered by diplomatic efforts.

Sealing of Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh Border

£ £4489-E. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) progress made in sealing the entire Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh borders;

(b) what are the impediments in sealing these two international borders;

(c) whether any target has been for completing the sealing of these borders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMANTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) Border fencing and flood lighting at some sensitive and vulnerable stretches have been completed on the Indo-Pak border in Punjab and Rajasthan, and for the remaining such areas, similar activity is in progress. Border fencing at some stretches has also been completed on Indo-Bangladesh border is Assam and Meghalaya and similar activity is in progress in respect of remaining areas. Construction of border fencing at some stretches in West Bengal has also been approved *and fencing will start there soon.* Steps have also been initiated to provide the BSF with the necessary equipment and wherewithal to effectively check unauthorised movement across the check unauthorised movement across the border

राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा अधिनियम का दुरुपयोग किए जाने पर रोक लगाया जाना

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(क) क्या सरकार राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा अधिनियम का दुरुपयोग करने पर रोक लगाने की दृष्टि से सलाहकार बोर्ड में केवल पीठासीन न्यायाधीशों को ही नियुक्त करने का विचार कर रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

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